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1. The Hungarian foreign trade leadership was reorganized several months ago, in a process beginning in Jul 1953. The ministry lost its independence and was brought together with that of internal commerce. The former minister was degraded to fourth deputy in the new setup. József Berend is now Minister of Internal and External Commerce, with László Háy as 1st Deputy, János Halász as 2nd Deputy, Sándor Sebes 3rd Deputy, András Kozsok 4th Deputy and János Tuzs 5th Deputy.
2. Thus far the Gsepel auto factory has produced 18,500 trucks of which 5 to 6,000 have been exported. Mainly they go to other Satellite states for their armies, but some have been sent to the Near Eastern states in return for important raw materials. Considerable difficulties have arisen due to Gsepel's inability to supply spare parts.
3. Even in Hungary this lack of spare parts for repairs has manifested itself. As a result the factory was secretly advised that its first priority job was the supply of spare parts for repairs to the Hungarian Army. There was a period of months during 1953 when no spare parts were produced; one of the reasons was an acute shortage of tools. [redacted] In Budapest repair shops dozens of trucks long waiting for repairs which cannot be made.
4. The factory has difficulty making its quotas because an economy of 750,000 forints was proscribed in Jul 1953. At the same time the stocks of completed and semi-finished goods were taken away from the firms to the amount of millions and without any return. Quality of production remains high; rejects amount only to 1 to 1.5 per cent.

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5. The director of Gsepel is Chief Engineer György Hajtó; the factory head is László Kende; the Communist Party Secretary is Ferenc Till; the Chief Secretary is János Tóth; the head of the firm commission is János Takács; the chief labor controller is Béla Kborobosky; the chief labor controller of the vehicle management is Antal Both.
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6. The glass factory at Sándorváros produces various types of lamp globes for export. [redacted] In the spring of 1953 it appeared that Hungary would be unable to make its export quotas, but on Russian order automatic machinery was sent from West Germany, and is now working in the factory turning out 40 pieces a minute.
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7. The state export monopoly Medimpex deals with the export of medicaments. It is located Budapest V, Mátyás Street 4. The general director, Mándor Horváth, has been empowered to seek new outlets for pharmaceutical products. [redacted]
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8. The Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, Budapest V, Bold Street 21, informs foreign firms on all details concerning Hungarian production and export and import possibilities. It has a court of arbitration to settle questions arising in this connection.

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